

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Paragraph [0002] of the Specification has been amended to correct a typographical error and overcomes the Examiner's objection.

Claims 1-2 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rawlins et al. (U.S. 6,034,639) in view of Moore et al. (U.S. 6,380,898).

The allowability of claims 3-9 and 11-13 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-2 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 3 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rawlins describes a retractable antenna for a portable communication device that retracts to a size which is smaller than the extended size of the antenna, while being flexible and otherwise suitable for the demanding environment of portable communicators. Moore describes a dual mode antenna that connects in an inverted-F feed when in a retracted position, and in a monopole feed in an extended position.

Neither Rawlins nor Moore, either alone or in combination, show or suggest "a retractable antenna comprising ... a throughgoing bore ... being formed to have a first inner

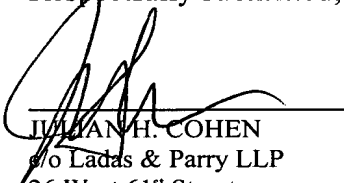
diameter D1 at a first elongate portion thereof which extends along a majority of its length extending from said base end and a second inner diameter D2 which is greater than said first inner diameter D1, at a second elongate portion thereof near but spaced from said opposite end” as recited in amended claim 3.

Neither Rawlins nor Moore, either alone or in combination, show or suggest “a retractable antenna comprising ... an extended position retaining spring ... having a generally cylindrical configuration defining an elongate gap extending along the length thereof, a pair of incomplete end rings and generally elongate portions extending between said rings, said elongate portions being separated from each other by elongate slots and being slightly bent inwardly so as to together define a waist at a frictional engagement location therealong, at which inner facing surfaces of said generally elongate portions define, at rest, an imaginary circle having an inner diameter D4” as recited in amended claim 11.

As stated hereinabove, allowable claims 3 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and are therefore allowable. Claims 4-9 depend directly or ultimately from claim 3 and are therefore allowable. Claims 12-13 depend directly or ultimately from claim 11 and are therefore allowable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, all of the claims are deemed to be allowable. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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